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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 15, and 17-19 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A flexible container comprising:
a plurality of panels joined together to form a sleeve, the panels each having an end edge that cooperate to define an imaginary plane at one end of the sleeve; and
an end panel connected to the panels at the one end of the sleeve, the end panel having at least one portion extending outwardly from the sleeve beyond the imaginary plane when the end panel is in an unfolded position.

4. (Amended) The container of claim 3 wherein the portion of the second end panel extends outwardly from the sleeve.

5. (Amended) The container of claim 1 wherein the end panel is in a position folded on top of one of the plurality of panels when the flexible container is in a folded position.

15. (Amended) The container of claim 14 wherein the port has a port closure connected thereto.

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